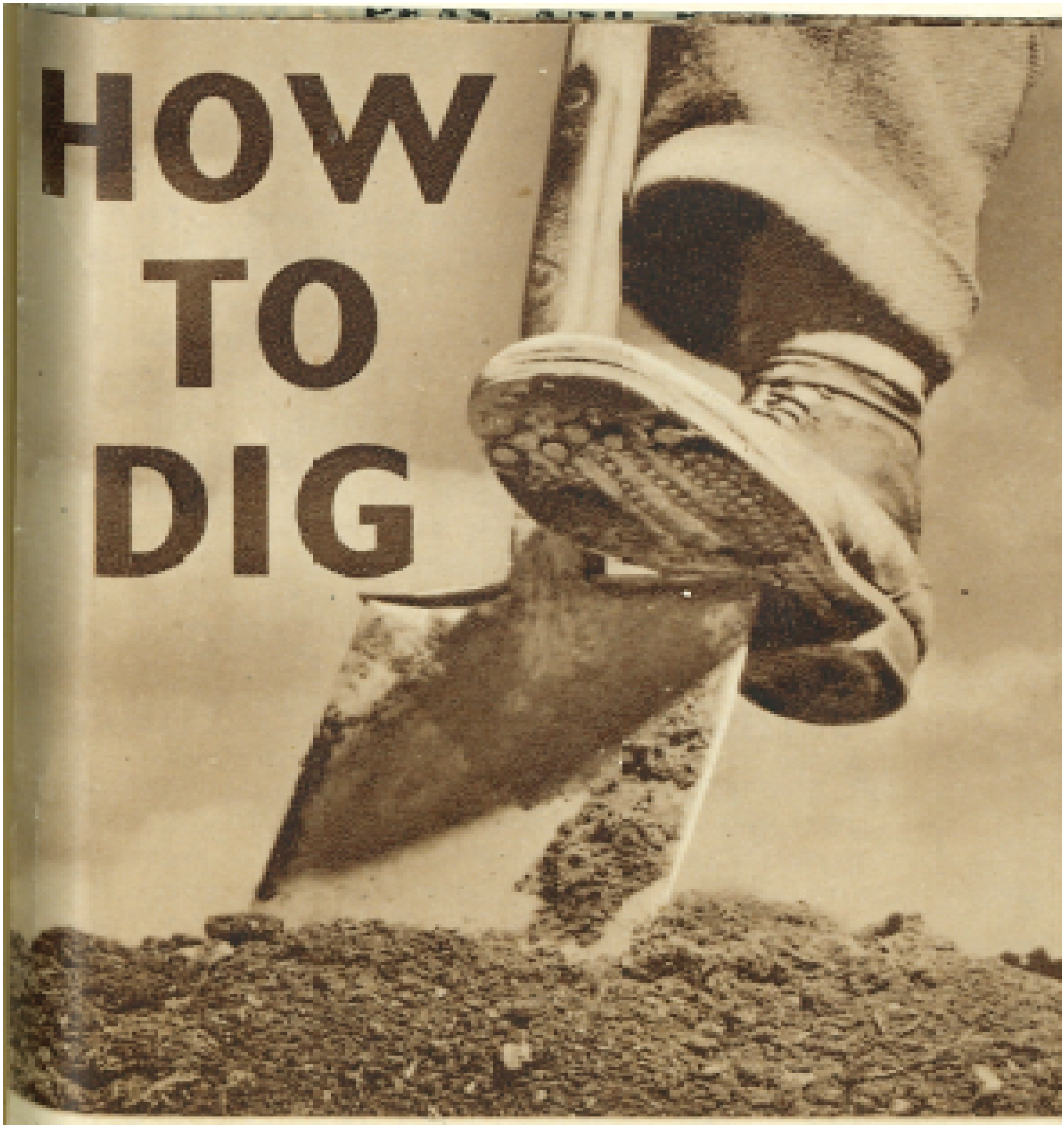
HOW TO DIG



DIG FOR VICTORY LEAFLET
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1 To dig properly you must have an open trench like this in front of you. It is 15 inches wide and the depth of a spade. The soil from it has been put on the far side, ready to fill the last trench.

2 The soil is turned into the open trench, a spadeful at a time. If each piece is made the width of the spade and cut off at right angles to the trench, it will be easier to lift.

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4 For each spadeful, the spade must be pressed down to its full depth. Use your foot to do the heavy work.

5 Lifting a spadeful of soil. Notice how the digger has stepped backward with one foot.

6 Twisting the spade to turn the soil over as it falls in the open trench.

Proceed in this way, a trench at a time, till the whole plot has been dug.

II. DIGGING GROUND COVERED WITH TURF (BASTARD TRENCHING)

Mark out the first trench 2 ft. wide.

Skim off the turf 2 inches deep. Then take out the soil to the depth of a spade.

Move the turf and soil to the bottom, or to the far side if the plot is wide, ready to fill the last trench.

1 Then break up the floor of the trench. Press the fork to its full depth with the help of your foot. Prise up the soil; lift it clear; twist the fork and let the earth fall back. Break up all lumps.

2 Skim off the turf from the next 2 ft. wide strip. Place it grass-side down on the broken-up floor of the trench and chop it with the spade into pieces 3 or 4 inches across.

3 Use the soil from the skimmed strip to bury the cut-up turf. Twist each spadeful over and let it fall. Keep the sides of the new trench vertical.

4 Clear the "crumbs" or loose soil from the floor of the new trench before taking the turf from the next strip.

Proceed in this way till the whole plot has been skimmed and dug.

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